

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Rep. John Olver (D-First District) announced today that the U.S.

The three-year grant was awarded under the Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE).

This FIPSE grant enables BCC to work with area high schools to establish a two-week summer program for students.

From an applicant pool of over 1,800 proposals, 68 grants were awarded nationally, with Berkshire County being one of the recipients.

"I am elated that BCC was selected among very few applicants nationwide to develop and implement this program," said Olver.

"While this project will have importance for postsecondary institutions nationally, its primary impact will be on the local level."

William D. Travis, Superintendent of Pittsfield Public Schools, says of the latest BCC grant, "This grant will provide a significant boost to our efforts to improve the quality of our postsecondary education."

According to BCC President Barbara Viniar, "This grant strengthens the collaborations we already have with the local community."

Faith Vosburgh, BCC Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs-Humanities, will serve as the Project Director.

The participation of Berkshire County high school teachers in the project will be supported in part by the grant.

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